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CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY. PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S PARTICIPATION FOR FIRST TIME IN
A NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE LEFT HIM LESS THAN SATISFIED WITH
ONE-SIDED NON-ALIGNMENT OF SOME COUNTRIES AND WITH THEIR ATTEMPTS
TO RAM THROUGH RES CONDEMNING US, AN EFFORT WHICH HE CLAIMS
HE AND OTHER OCAM LEADERS THWARTED. HE FOUND CASTRO TOTALLY
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ALIGNED WITH USSR BUT PRAISED QADAFI AS TRULY NON-ALIGNED.
HE RESENTED EFFORTS OF ARABS TO USE OIL WEALTH TO DOMINATE

AFRICANS BUT FIRMLY BELIEVES ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENT EYADEMA THIS MORNING, HOPING TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE FROM WHICH HE RETURNED ON 8 SEPTEMBER. I FOUND HIM EXPANSIVE AND FRANK ON SUBJECT, IF CHARACTERISTICALLY IMPRECISE ON DETAILS.

2. PRESIDENT WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THOSE "NON-ALIGNED" COUNTRIES, MOSTLY UNSPECIFIED BUT APPARENTLY INCLUDING ALGERIA, WHICH HE CONSIDERED TO BE, UNLIKE TOGO, NOT TRULY NON-ALIGNED. HE COMPLAINED THAT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WERE PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DRAFT OR AMEND THEM, AND THAT THEY WERE PRESENTED AS FAITS ACCOMPLIS TO CHIEFS OF STATE, WHO WERE EXPECTED TO RUBBER-STAMP THEM. APPARENTLY HE HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH ECONOMIC RESOLUTION BUT HE SAID HE FOUND POLITICAL ONE UNACCEPTABLE IN THAT IT CONDEMNED US. (EXAMPLE OF HIS IMPRECISENESS: Q. "CONDEMNED US FOR WHAT?" A. "FOR ITS POLICY.") ACCORDINGLY HE MET AT "OCAM LEVEL" WITH SENGHOR, HOUPHOUET, DIORI, AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOREIGN MINISTER (PERHAPS OTHERS; HE MENTIONED THESE) AND AS RESULT OF THEIR JOINT ACTION OBJECTIONALBE PART WAS ELIMINATED FROM RES.

3. EYADEMA WAS VERY UNFAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY CASTRO WHO HE THOUGHT DEMONSTRATED HIS COMPLETE ALIGNMENT WITH USSR BY PRAISING LATTER WHILE CONDEMNING US. PRESIDENT WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF ARABS IN GENERAL, FEELING THAT THEY SOUGHT TO EMPLOY THEIR OIL WEALTH TO DOMINATE AFRICANS AND TO TURN THEM AGAINST THEIR TRADITIONAL WESTERN FRIENDS AND ISRAEL. AT SAME TIME HE WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF ISRAEL FOR NOT WITHDRAWING FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC RES (242) "WHICH IS LAW TO WHICH WE HAVE ALL AGREED."

4. DESPITE HIS GENERAL DISAPPROVAL OF ARABS, EYADEMA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ADMIRATION FOR QADAFI, WHOM HE CONSIDERED TRULY NON-ALIGNED BECAUSE OF HIS CONDEMNATION OF BOTH USSR AND US.

5. PRESIDENT READILY ADMITTED HAVING MADE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED
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TO HIM BY TOGO-PRESSE IN REPORTING HIS DEPARTURE FOR ABIDJAN AND ALGIERS: "IT IS NECESSARY TO DEMOCRATIZE UN SO THAT VOICE OF SINGLE POWER DOES NOT STIFLE CLAMOR OF MAJORITY." HE MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS TALKING OF VETO POWER OF FIVE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS, NOT OF ANY ONE OF THEM IN PARTICULAR. NEVERTHELESS HE PRESSED ME AS TO WHY US, "FROM WHOME WE LEARN DEMOCRACY," SUPPORTED SUCH AN UNDEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE. HE APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND, IF NOT BE FULLY SATISFIED WITH, MY EXPLANATION THAT VETO POWER WAS PRICE WHICH HAD TO BE PAID AFTER WORLD WAR II TO OBTAIN PARTICIPATION OF GREAT

POWERS IN NEW WORLD BODY.
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